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Children as young as seven diagnosed with depression

by Piers Meyler

BBC local democracy reporter

CHILDREN in Essex are being diagnosed with depression as young as seven as figures show the problems associated with anxiety in the county's youngsters is rocketing.

Kids Inspire, which supports young people across Essex coping with trauma or emerging mental health issues, says referrals to them have increased by 49 per cent over the past year – roughly in line with the numbers that Essex hospitals have also seen.

Sue Bell, founder and CEO of Kids Inspire, said: "Similarly we have seen our referral rate reflect this change in the wellbeing of young people locally, with the biggest issue across all of our projects being stress and anxiety.

"In fact, our referrals have increased by 49 per cent over the past year, and sadly, the youngest child we have worked with in the past three years, referred with depression, was seven years old.

"Numbers really have skyrocketed, and there are so many different reasons for that."

Essex hospitals treated children with anxiety nearly 700 times last year with numbers soaring in recent years. The diagnoses include anxiety disorders, phobic anxiety disorders, separation anxiety and social anxiety.

Hospital trusts in the area treated people aged between ten and 19 around 670 times in 2017/18, as well as treating under-10s around 30 times, figures from NHS Digital reveal.

The number of treatments was up from 490 treatments for those aged

10 to 19 and around 10 treatments for those aged under 10 recorded the year before.

The number of times young people aged between 10 and 19 have been treated has soared nine-fold from around 75 incidences in 2010/11.

Ms Bell added: "Reaching out to our children and young people facing emotional distress earlier will help to tackle this rise in referrals.

"In support of this we currently offer front-line staff trauma training to help them to understand the importance of attachment and emotional trauma – anything that is too much, too fast and too soon on our nervous system.

"Additionally, raising awareness among academic peer groups can also help the emotional wellbeing of a young person.

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Sue Bell, CEO of Kids Inspire

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Work under way on 'hospice that will last for generations'

A CEREMONY was held to mark the start of work on a new multi-million pound hospice that will serve people in Southend, Castle Point and Rochford.

The new Fair Havens Hospice will be constructed on land in Priory Crescent in Prittlewell after revised plans were approved by Southend Council in August.

The building will have 16 inpatient bedrooms, as well as more day hospice services and extra family support.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Monday and attended by local dignitaries, MPs and councillors.

Steve Smith, New Fair Havens project director, said: "This is a huge milestone for the charity in what has been a very long journey to get to this stage.

"We have always said that we need to build a hospice that will last for generations – this is our chance to get this right – and we're delighted to finally be taking the next step closer to a new Fair Havens Hospice for the people of south east Essex."

The hospice said it has to turn away 11 people each month due to a lack of available beds.

The project for the new Fair Havens costs £17.2million, but the charity said



MILESTONE: Jennifer Tolhurst, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, with Sophie Gander and daughter Hattie Cross, three. Sophie's mother was treated by Fair Havens. Right, a computer image of what the new hospice will look like when it opens in 2020

it needs a further £1.5m.

It hopes to raise this through a fundraising campaign which has already yielded £1m.

Vanessa Longley, director of



fundraising, added: "We are always amazed at the generosity of our local community when we fundraise for our hospices. Having raised one million pounds in just a few months is testament

to how important our hospice is to the local community."

The new hospice is expected to open in 2020 and for more information, visit fairhavensforlife.co.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

School extension

PLANS for a three-storey extension to Belfairs Academy in Leigh were given the go-ahead.

Southend Council's development control committee last week gave planning permission for the proposals, which include extending the main hall.

The extension will provide 15 additional classrooms, sports facilities and associated rooms.

When complete, it will allow the school to accommodate an extra 60 pupils a year over the next five years.

RAF charity appeal

A CHARITY is calling for people to volunteer as befrienders for RAF veterans.

The RAF Association needs volunteers across Southend for its befriending service, which pairs people with members of the RAF community who feel lonely or isolated.

This support can be through phone conversations, visits for a cup of tea, or researching community groups.

To find out more, search for "befriender" roles at www.rafa.org.uk/volunteer, call 0800 018 2361 or email volunteers@rafa.org.uk.

Chamber music

A SERIES of chamber music concerts is set to return to Southend.

The first of eight concerts is at the Plaza Centre in Southchurch Road on Friday at 8pm.

It will feature a performance from chamber orchestra The London Mozart Players Quintet.

The concerts run until June and for more information and to buy tickets, visit <http://www.southend.gov.uk/concerts> or call 01702 215011.

Rising demand for children's mental health services

From front page

"A balance of mental and physical exercise is key to wellbeing – young or old."

In 2017/18 children aged under 10 were treated for anxiety around 10 times at Mid Essex Hospital Services, while the numbers aged between 10 and 19 has doubled in the past year and increased fivefold since 2010.

At Southend University Hospital the number of times people aged 10 to 19 were treated rose from 90 in 2016/17

to 105 in 2017/18, and it was up from 25 in 2010/11.

Meanwhile Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals have seen the number of treatments for people aged 10 to 19 rise from less than eight in 2010/11 to 130 in 2017/18.

Across England, under-10s were treated for anxiety 1,754 times in 2017/18, up from 1,263 times in 2016/17. The number of treatments for this age group has nearly tripled from 631 in 2010/11.

For those aged 10 to 19, the increase has been even more dramatic.

This age group was treated for anxiety 28,204 times in 2017/18, a rise of more than a quarter from 22,080 in 2016/17.

However, the most recent figures are almost seven times higher than the numbers recorded in 2010/11, when those aged 10 to 19 were treated 4,239 times.

Tom Madders, director of campaigns at children's mental health charity

YoungMinds, said: "These worrying figures reflect the rapidly growing demand for children's mental health services, and we know that many more families can't get the support they need. The new NHS long-term plan must lead to increased funding for young people's mental health, and much better support when problems first emerge.

"Schools also need more resources and recognition for the work they do on wellbeing and mental health."

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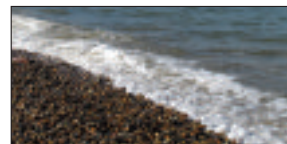
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NEWS

NHS chiefs' pledge on hospital errors

by Steve Shaw

Local democracy reporter

HOSPITAL trusts in mid and south Essex reported more than 70 incidents that resulted in harm to patients.

All the incidents occurred between July and August of this year and represent an increase on the previous two months when 66 incidents were reported.

The number regarded as "never" events – mistakes that should never happen – dropped from seven to two.

These never events included a swab being left inside a patient at Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital and "wrong site" surgery on a patient's colon at Mid Essex Hospital.

Among the 70 serious incidents, which resulted in patient injury, eight suffered serious falls at the two hospitals including one who sustained a fatal head injury. Basildon Hospital had three cases of missed diagnosis, including one for prostate cancer, and a delay in treatment which meant admitting a patient to critical care.

Errors at the Mid Essex Hospital included five incidents where falls resulted in fractures to patients' femurs and four incidents of "sub optimal care for a deteriorating patient".

Southend Hospital had the least number of serious incidents and did not report any never events.

However, they have previously



REPORT: So-called 'never' events included a swab being left inside a patient at Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital

released details of never events later than the other trusts and it was revealed in September that they had reported four never events in July.

Details of the incidents were published in papers discussed at a Mid and South Essex STP CCG Joint Committee meeting held on Friday in Southend.

Carol Anderson, chief nurse of the Joint Commissioning Team, told the committee that a public health specialist had presented a "detailed report" to a patient safety meeting following a review of the never events from May and June. The joint-CCG has also won a bid for funding to put in a "programme for learning" that will commence in November.

She added: "I am ever hopeful that we will see a reduction in never events and we do have a zero-tolerance approach."

Professor Mike Bewick, committee chairman, added: "We also need to remember that transparency has increased across the board and that leads to an increase in reporting."

In further discussions about hospital performance, Ms Anderson highlighted a "sharp increase" in cases of measles in Southend and Canvey.

This is being tackled with the support of Public Health England and medical staff are tracing people linked to those diagnosed and precautionary treatments are being administered.

Mid Essex Hospital was flagged as an area of concern for infection prevention and this has been centred on basic hygiene such as hand washing and general cleaning. New management in the nursing sector are said to be looking at tackling this as a priority.

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MP calls for vote of no-confidence in PM

CONSERVATIVE MP James Duddridge has submitted a letter calling for a vote of no-confidence in Theresa May.

The Rochford and Southend East MP sent the letter last Wednesday to Graham Brady MP, chairman of the Conservative Party's 1922 Committee.

Mr Duddridge wrote that although he is normally a loyalist, "there comes a point that blind loyalty is not the right way forward".

The letter was sent hours before Prime Minister Mrs May's speech at the Conservative party conference in Birmingham.

Mr Duddridge said in the letter: "We need a strong leader, someone who believes in Brexit and someone to deliver what the electorate voted for. The Prime Minister seems incapable of doing this."

"I have not met a single MP who thinks she will lead us into another election after the last disastrous snap election."

"We will fail to cut through on issues other than Brexit until we are beyond Brexit, yet the can is kicked further and further down the road."

"I write this with heavy heart however we now need a proper leadership election and to move on."

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EUROSCEPTIC: James Duddridge MP

Photo by Martin Dalton

fidence in party leader Mrs May, at least 15 per cent of Tory MPs would have to write a letter to Mr Brady.

The 1922 Committee is the parliamentary group of the Conservative party in the House of Commons and is made up of all Conservative backbench MPs.

Former foreign secretary

Boris Johnson spoke at a fringe meeting at the Tory conference on Tuesday, October 2 and Mr Duddridge tweeted that day: "Turns out there is a plan. That plan is Boris. #brexit"

The 47-year-old was first elected as Rochford and Southend East MP in 2005, and has been re-elected at three general elections since.



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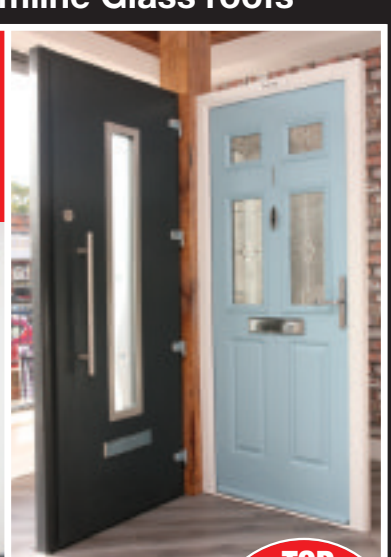
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A relaxed performance is available on December 31 and there will be a signed performance on January 3.

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Diversity sprinkle their dance magic on Aladdin

setting and a healthy dose of magic.

The Diversity boys, many of whom grew up or live locally, are looking forward to a homecoming show.

"It's our home town, we have got a lot of people that know us and we want to do a good job," explained Ashley Banjo.

"I feel like we are representing Essex. There are going to be a lot of people who come to see us that have

probably seen us grown up and dance throughout our years of being kids and dancing in this area."

The seven cheeky chaps are also looking forward to taking the iconic role of Genie.

"The genie is a fun character but it's also one of the most memorable ones," Ashley beamed.

"It kind of brings the elements of magic and the spectacular to a show.

"I think that as a group we can bring something to the character that not a lot of other people can, because we don't just do one thing, we have a whole array of tricks we can do - I think we will make the genie pretty cool."

For those on the fence as to which show will be their panto of choice this Christmas, Ashley had a message.

"Around the country there will be a

lot of pantos that are great shows but relatively similar. This year we are probably going to be the only act that does what we do leading a panto.

"So change it up, do something different, and come and see what will probably be the best panto in the country."

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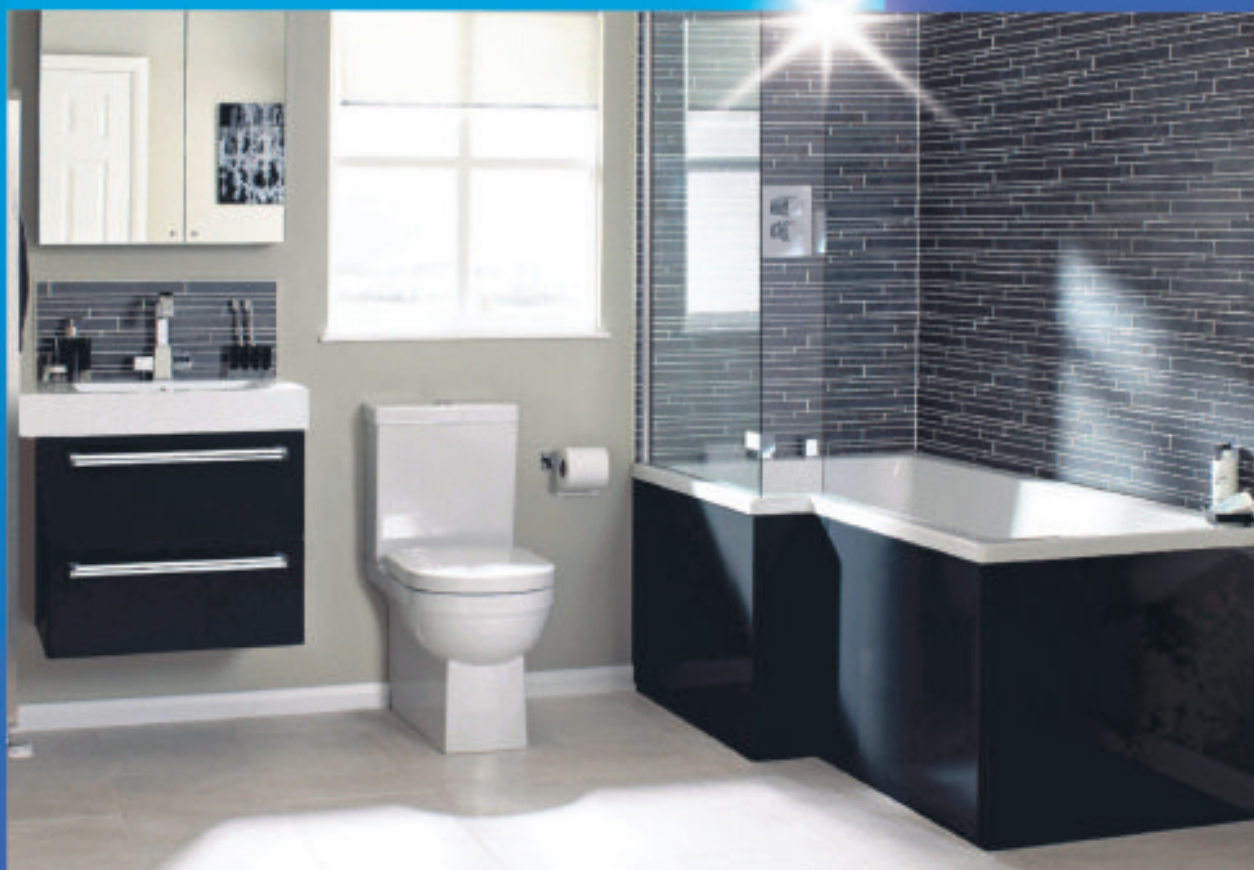
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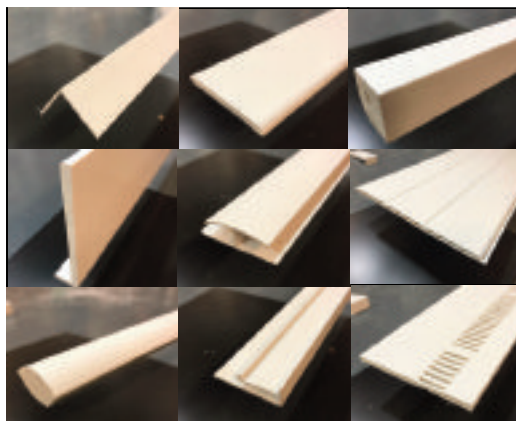


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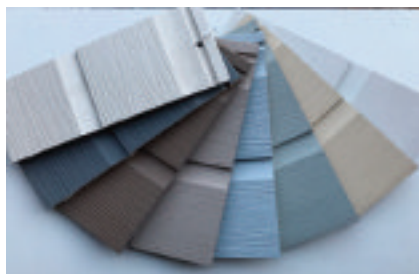


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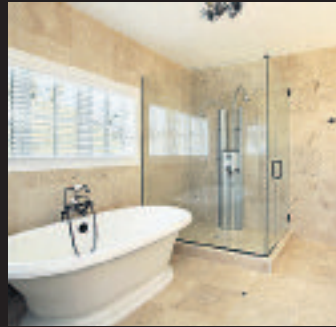
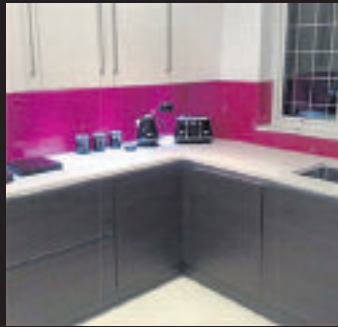
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Man jailed for keeping crocodile and animals in poor conditions

A MAN who called himself Mr Snake has been jailed for 26 weeks for keeping more than 60 exotic animals in "appalling conditions" at addresses in Basildon and Westcliff.

Lee Thompson, 36, of King Edward Road, Laindon, used the alias Lee Snake and kept dozens of exotic animals in a "very poor condition", said Essex Police.

He was prosecuted in 2009 for keeping dangerous wild animals without a licence and banned from possessing anymore exotic animals for 10 years.

In 2015, police raided a unit he rented in Cranes Farm Road, Basildon and found 35 different species of snake, seven types of spider, a lizard and a snapping turtle.

Thompson disappeared after the raid but was found by police in January when they raided a property in Southend and found a four-foot caiman crocodile in the bedroom. He was already banned from keeping dangerous wild animals, but had seven snakes which could only be kept with a licence, four rattlesnakes, two horned vipers and a spitting cobra.

The conditions he left the animals in were so poor the spiders and nine snakes were dead by the time of the raid.

Thompson disappeared until January 24 this year when police

arrested him at an address in Napier Close, Basildon.

During a simultaneous raid on a property he was linked to in Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, officers walked in on the crocodile.

He was also keeping 23 snakes and a fat tail scorpion at the address.

Among the snakes were several classed as dangerous, including six cobras and a rattlesnake. Seven snakes had died and were decomposing.

Despite previously going on the run for more than two years, Thompson was granted bail after his arrest and disappeared again.

Thompson, was convicted in his absence of six animal welfare offences on his August trial date, and was found in Wallingford, Oxfordshire, in September.

He was sentenced at Basildon on Wednesday, October 3.

An Essex Police spokesman said: "Thompson kept wild animals in appalling conditions. Not only did he keep them with a licence, but he showed no care for their wellbeing or their survival."

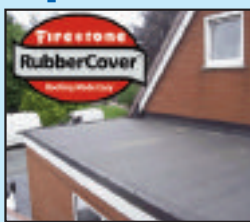
"He then twice attempted to evade justice. We want to thank the RSPCA, particularly inspector Rebecca Benson, for their assistance in helping to ensure the remaining animals were appropriately cared for."



'MR SNAKE': Lee Thompson and the caiman crocodile found in Westcliff



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A tunnel could solve Southend traffic issues

SOUTHEND does not need a bypass, it already has one. It is formed by parts of the A1159 (Eastern Ave/Royal Artillery Way) and A13 (Bournes Green Chase/North Shoebury Road).

The problem is not of cars and lorries queueing on the edge of town trying to get to the other side, but those in town that can't get out or in, in a reasonable time. A bypass will not cure that.

Those who brought us the Victoria Circus boondoggle have created other bottlenecks.

Priory Crescent, Victoria Ave and Prince Ave with their main intersections have been festering for at least 50 years.

The current "improvements" on the A127 won't solve anything and the traffic still crawls past as it has nowhere to go.

That's because some bright spark cut the speed to 40mph closer to town and to 50 further out, where you get "friendly reminders" and your picture taken every couple of miles.

Here are my solutions:

A) Increase the speed limit on the A127 to 50 and 70mph respectively.

B) Southend (and Rayleigh)

would benefit from a short cut to Chelmsford. The A1159 should be extended from the airport, past Hockley and via South Woodham Ferrers. But this and speed limits are county matters.

C) Intersections would benefit from an underpass (see Rayleigh Weir, but smaller), but only if the traffic on the other side is not at a standstill (see A). These would include Priory Crescent/Prince Ave, Prince Ave at Hobblythick Lane and at Bridgewater Drive and A127 at Progress Road.

D) Probably the only underpass in town at Southchurch Road/Queensway intersection offers limited usefulness in the south (seafront) direction, but is worthless going the opposite way, as traffic exiting it runs into the Victoria Circus mess.

I propose a tunnel from there to the A127 - with three stages, with exit and entry points at Victoria Ave (by the old Library), Prittlewell Chase (close to Fairfax Dr) and on the A127 near Colemans Ave.

This would not be cheap, but would be repaid by saving millions of hours of time wasted in traffic. It would all be a much better investment than £300,000 on spreading clay poppies in a park for two weeks or replacing the surface of roadside parking spaces by cutesy inlaid bricks.

The tunnel should be con-

structed by an independent construction firm, which could charge a toll. Some would want us to use public transport (another socialist utopia), but considering they had some 100 years to get their act together - and still haven't, as it is still too expensive and unreliable - most of us will keep on using cars.

**Fred Nicholson.
Westcliff**

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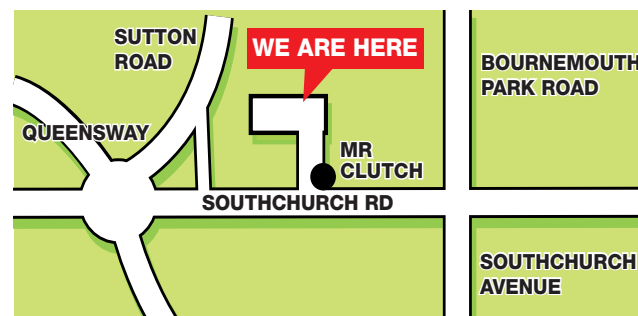
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A NOBLE CAUSE

by Lewis Berrill

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PREPARE for laughs-a-plenty as Geordie comic and panel show darling Ross Noble comes to Southend's Cliffs Pavilion.

His latest creation, El Hablador, is on a 68-show tour of the UK – stopping in Southend on Saturday, November 17.

"Expect the unexpected. Unless you've seen me before," Ross joked. "Then you know what to expect. But I might not do that. But then again, I might. I expect it will be one of those two options."

Ross has been performing as a stand-up comic since the age of 15 when he was smuggled into his local comedy club.

The 42-year-old has built his reputation as a top British comic and as a regular on panel shows such as the BBC's QI and Have I Got News for You.

Ross is fresh from performing as Igor in Mel Brooks' critically acclaimed West End revival of monster hit musical Young Frankenstein, for which he was nominated for an Olivier and won a WhatsOnStage Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Musical.

In anticipation of his 16th UK tour, Ross spoke about his experiences as a comic and learning how to keep himself rooted in the 'real world' while touring.

"When I started all I did was tour – I was just a vessel," he explained. "I've got more of a balanced life now, but I can still retain the essence of being in the moment."

"When I started people said I was 'surreal', and that's a bit of a lazy description, because it sort of implies that anyone could do it."

"Now, I think I take the building blocks of the real world and then stretch and manipulate them. It's more like 'magic realism' than 'surrealism' – that's the way I see it... And that's the most pretentious thing I've ever said!"

The seasoned comic also recently fronted a Dave TV series, Ross Noble: Off Road, in which he took on legendary motorbiking challenge, the Scottish Six Days Trial.

"That was something that I was doing anyway," he quipped. "We went to the channel and said, 'We're doing this, shall we film it?' and they went, 'Definitely!'"

"Hopefully we can do another series. I'd like to, but we can only really do it if we can up the ante."

Ross, who is staying tight-lipped over what is in store for audiences at El

Hablador, did reveal one major detail. "I've got a giant inflatable skull on stage: its mouth fills up with smoke and I walk out of it!"

Tickets can be found online at: <https://southendtheatres.org.uk/Online/tickets-ross-noble-southend-2018>



TOUR: Ross Noble
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FIRST MAN (12A, 141 mins)

ACADEMY Award-winning director Damien Chazelle takes one giant leap for immersive, nail-biting film-making in this thrilling dramatisation of the space race between America and the Soviet Union. Based on James R Hansen's official biography of Neil Armstrong, *First Man* shoots for the moon and touches down beautifully by placing us alongside astronauts in their claustrophobic modules or next to nervous NASA staff as they propel mankind into the great unknown.

Handheld camerawork, unobtrusive special effects and dazzling sound design leave us stranded hundreds of miles above terra firma in a similar fashion to Alfonso Cuarón's *Gravity*, at the mercy of new-fangled technology and luck.

The tension is almost unbearable.

Chazelle masterfully encourages us to hold our breath and bite our nails down to the cuticle with bold visual flourishes and understated, powerhouse performances from Ryan Gosling and Claire Foy as the husband and wife at the epicentre of the 1969 lunar landing.

The ensemble cast, which includes Kyle Chandler, Jason Clarke and Ciarán Hinds, counts down to heart-breaking emotion, reminding us of the incredible bravery of pioneers who sacrificed their lives in the pursuit of a brave new scientific dawn.

First Man is a tour-de-force of technical brilliance, including editor Tom Cross, cinematographer Linus

Sandgren and composer Justin Hurwitz, who added Oscars to their respective mantelpieces for their

collaborations with Chazelle on *Whiplash* or *La La Land*.

Josh Singer's finely calibrated script follows Neil

Armstrong (Gosling), his wife Janet (Foy) and their boys Rick (Luke Winters) and Mark (Connor Blodgett) through the triumphs and setbacks of NASA missions during the 1960s, culminating in the Apollo 11 launch which secured a place in history for Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin (Corey Stoll) and Michael Collins (Lukas Haas).

The film chooses a chronological trajectory, sketching Neil's close working relationships with NASA chief Deke Slayton (Kyle Chandler) and fellow astronaut Ed White (Jason Clarke), who becomes the first American to walk in space.

Tragedy casts a long shadow over the Armstrongs. The couple struggle to cope with the death of their young daughter Karen and then the family shares the burden of grief when the Apollo 1 mission ends in disaster.

"We need to fail down here so we don't fail up there," coolly asserts Neil.

First Man is an out-of-this-world experience that will be a serious contender for glory in next year's hard-fought Oscars race.

Gosling subtly yet movingly conveys the suffocating grief, which follows Armstrong to the surface of the moon, and Foy is compelling in a smaller supporting role, refusing to accept that the brilliant minds of NASA have everything under control.

"You're a bunch of boys making models out of balsa wood," she rages. "You don't have anything under control!"

Chazelle, on the other hand, is firmly in charge of every sparkling frame.

Released: October 12
RATING: 9/10

ASTRONAUT: Ryan Gosling as Neil Armstrong

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Friday, October 12

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- Macmillan coffee morning – Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, corner of Eastwood Lane South and Kingsway, Westcliff, SSO 9XF. 10am to noon.
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- Table top sale – Rochford Women's

Institute, Rochford Hall, West Street, 9am-12.30pm. To book tables: 01702 547326.

Saturday, October 13

- Pie Morning (sweet and savoury) – Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, Canvey, 10.30am to noon. Also stalls.
- Rayleigh History Walk, from Rayleigh windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED, 3pm, £2. Details: 01268 775328.
- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
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Sunday, October 14

- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Waterside Sports Centre, Somnes Ave, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. 10.30am-3.45pm. Adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 659596.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am -12.15pm, 01277 627043.
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- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
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- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
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Monday, October 15

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- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

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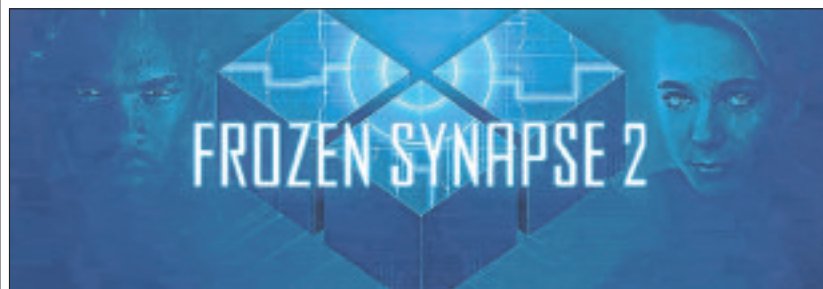
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GAMING

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A stone cold classic!



Title: Frozen Synapse 2
Platform: PC, Mac
Genre: Strategy
Price: £24.99

FROZEN Synapse was a hit combo of cyberpunk neon and turn-based strategy.

Frozen Synapse 2 repeats the same combat formula: Make plans five seconds at a time and preview the possible outcome before committing. Only now, each skirmish takes place within a sprawling future city under attack by terrorist rogue Artificial Intelligence.

The scale is ambitious, simulating the political and military maneuvers of a host of rival factions seeking to control the city, and negotiating this volatile theatre requires just as much intelligent strategy as winning out on the battlefield.

It can be intimidatingly dense, but Frozen Synapse 2 improves on the original in every way. Reviewed on

Asus ROG G703GI (i7, 16GB, GTX1080 asus.com/uk/ROG-Republic-Of-Gamers).

Skip to the end: Complex, flawed and demanding, but a wholly rewarding challenge.

Score: 9/10

Title: Broken Sword 5 - The Serpent's Curse
Platform: Switch
Genre: Adventure
Price: £24.99

BROKEN Sword 5 - The Serpent's Curse was a return to form when it first appeared in 2013, and this Switch edition is a welcome rerun.

Europhile hero George is once again drawn into the world of mysteries, as he and his on-again-off-again partner Nico are caught up in a murderous art heist while meeting in Paris, and the return to beautiful hand-drawn, cel-shaded locations (after previous forays into plainer 3D) make this a warm and engrossing adventure.

Unfortunately, the touch screen handheld controls are a little inaccurate, and using thumbsticks can feel ponderous. But while the charm of the originals will never quite be equalled, Broken Sword 5 is still a more than worthy outing in this venerable series.

Skip to the end: A pleasingly familiar investigation with superb puzzles.

Score: 8/10

GAME CHART

- 1) FIFA 19
 - 2) Marvel's Spider-Man
 - 3) Shadow of the Tomb Raider
 - 4) Crash Bandicoot N.Sane Trilogy
 - 5) Grand Theft Auto V
 - 6) Mario Kart 8 Deluxe
 - 7) The Elder Scrolls Online
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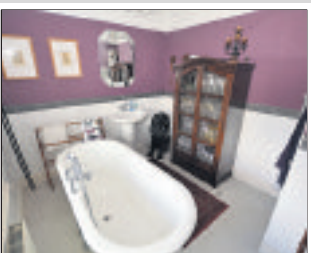


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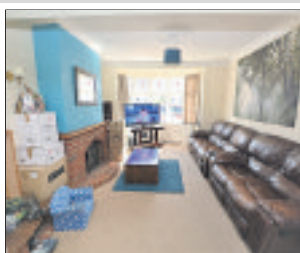
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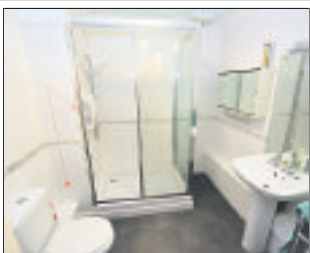
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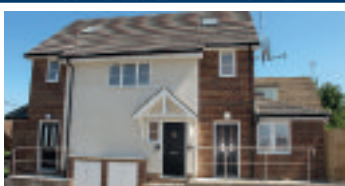
BENFLEET

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Research by the UK's leading auctioneer suggests that the auction market is continuing to prosper, while estate agent sales are still struggling. Auction House – which has a branch in Essex – says the latest data from the Land Registry indicates that 2017 saw a 21% decrease in residential sales compared to 2016, whilst the group's own auction figures were at record levels. Director, Andrew Stallard said: "We had an excellent year in 2017 with 3,485 lots sold – which is over 1,250 ahead of the second largest auctioneer. Also, our entries this month are up again year-on-year, with 740 lots catalogued for February – a total which is 5% ahead of the number in 2017." Andrew says that he believes the reason behind the rise is because auction has now become more mainstream, with its attractions better understood. He explains: "There are two ways to sell a property. The first is to start low and bid up – as happens in auctions. The other is the 'start high and discount down' method used by estate agents. If your property is suitable for auction, then the selling price achieved will be around the same level or sometimes better, and the sale will be quick and easy. What's more, when the hammer falls contracts have exchanged and the sale is certain. "But there are some provisos. Firstly you should be entering it into a regional auction room where local properties tend to be sold to local buyers for more money, rather than one that is out of area. Secondly, the marketing and reserve price will both need to be right – and you can trust Auction House to help with this." Andrew also says that a wide variety of properties fall into the category of those most suited to auction. He adds: "Our results show

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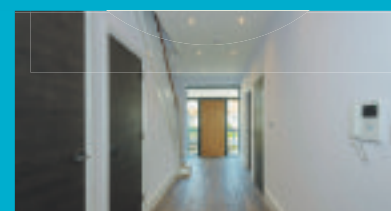
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By David Whinyates

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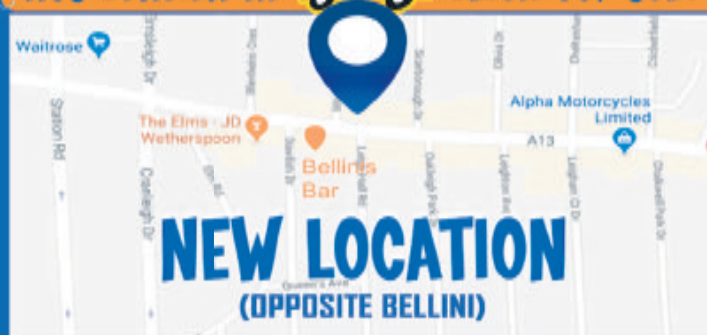
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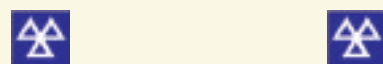
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WEST Ham's recent revival was brought to a halt as a first-half goal from Glenn Murray earned Brighton the points in a keenly contested encounter on Friday evening.

West Ham arrived on the south coast hoping to extend their recent unbeaten sequence to five in all competitions. Nevertheless, speaking ahead of the match, Hammers manager, Manuel Pellegrini, appeared to be approaching the game with caution, saying: "We are improving. But we must be careful and keep improving because every game in the Premier League is very difficult."

Brighton had won just once in the Premier League – a pulsating 3-2 success over Manchester United in late August. Boss Chris Hughton used his programme notes to suggest his side deserved better than the hand they had been dealt.

Marko Arnautovic's troublesome centre was awkwardly pushed over by Seagulls goalkeeper, Maty Ryan.

Then the Austrian saw his fierce volley blocked as the Hammers created the clearest of opportunities in a frantic and scrappy opening.

Meanwhile, Solly March fired over as the home side offered a direct and meaningful threat of their own.

The Hammers were finding the Seagulls' swift counter-attacking style difficult to deal with, and midway through the opening period, it paid dividends. Beram Kayal burst clear down the left before delivering low to the talismanic Murray, who in turn beat Fabianski with a cool, accurate finish from close range.

It had been a subdued Hammers display prior to the interval.

Arnautovic tried unsuccessfully to fashion an opening for Andriy Yarmolenko, while the former fired directly at Ryan as they returned with a little more energy.

Fabian Balbuena was a whisker away from a telling contact with Felipe Anderson's corner. Then Anderson was wasteful from a dead-ball situa-

HAMMERS GO OFF THE BOIL

CLASH: Marko Arnautovic battles for the ball

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tion after Kayal had been penalised.

The Hammers were almost punished further for their wastefulness when Murray twice nodded over in a matter of minutes, while Arnautovic once again went close for the east Londoners, who had begun to resemble the side more familiar to their supporters in recent weeks.

Seagulls sub, Jurgen Locadia, was denied a second goal thanks to an assistant's flag, while Arnautovic blazed over when it appeared easier to score during a feverish finale.

But despite their second-half improvement, there was no way through for the Hammers as Brighton defended manfully.

Speaking after the game, Pellegrini said: "Frustrating because we knew we had to play against a difficult team.

"But more frustrating because we created three very clear chances at least to draw."

Pellegrini was quick to point out it wasn't only his usually reliable frontman who was off-colour in front of goal.

"Not only Marko," he continued. "We had clear chances. Fabian Balbuena had a very clear header inside the six-yard box. Lucas (Perez) had another. Three clear chances to draw. They had one in the first half, scored and they defended after that."

Brighton boss Hughton was relieved to see his side win for the first time in six Premier League outings, but was clearly mindful of where they had excelled.

He said: "We probably had to ride our luck a little bit, but the clean sheet

is really important for us."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Saturday, October 20 when Tottenham Hotspur visit the London Stadium (3pm).

Brighton & Hove Albion: Maty Ryan, Bruno (capt), Gaetan Bong, Shane Duffy, Lewis Dunk, Beram Kayal, Anthony Knockaert, Alireza Jahanbakhsh (Jose Izquierdo 71'), Glenn Murray, Solly March (Jurgen Locadia 86'), Davy Propper (Yves Bissouma 81') Subs not used: David Button, Florin Andone, Leon Balogun, Bernardo.

West Ham United: Lukas Fabianski, Fabian Balbuena, Pablo Zabaleta, Marko Arnautovic, Felipe Anderson, Pedro Obiang (Michael Antonio 60'), Mark Noble (capt) (Robert Snodgrass 83'), Andriy Yarmolenko (Lucas Perez 70'), Issa Diop, Arthur Masuaku, Declan Rice, Subs not used: Adrian, Aaron Cresswell, Angelo Ogbonna, Ryan Fredericks

Referee: Kevin Friend

Assistants: Matthew Wilkes, Simon Beck

Fourth Official: Simon Hooper

Attendance: 30,544

Non-league football

Billericay hit nine in FA Cup

BILLERICAY Town emphatically confirmed their place in the fourth qualifying round of the Emirates FA Cup by thrashing Whitehawk 9-1 at the AGP Arena.

Moses Emmanuel hit a hat-trick for Billericay, while Jake Robinson (2), Sam Deering, Joe Kizzi, Ademola Shokunbi and a Harry Shooman own-goal completed the rout. Jason Williams grabbed scant consolation for the visitors in the final minute.

Concord Rangers join Billericay in the next stage after edging out Beaconsfield Town by the odd goal in three at the Aspect Arena – Jack Midson and Frazer Shaw with the goals for the Beach Boys.

AFC Hornchurch were beaten by a single goal at Hampton & Richmond.

Leyton Orient returned to National League winning ways as first-half goals from Macauley Bonne and James Alabi were enough to see the O's win 2-0 at Maidenhead United. The O's remain second in the table.

However, towards the bottom end, Dagenham & Redbridge went down 2-0 at Gateshead, while Braintree Town remain bottom after losing 2-1 to Eastleigh at Cressing Road. Mohamed Bettamer scoring for the Iron.

There were plenty of goals in the Bostik North, with Grays Athletic and Great Wakering Rovers playing out a seven-goal thriller at Parkside. Grays eventually bagged the points 4-3 thanks to goals from Dennis Oli, Joao Carlos, Shomari Barnwell (pen) and Adeyinka Cole. Ollie Woodhouse, Jake Gordon and Marcus Bowers responding for the Rovers.

Daniel Walker scored twice, while Matthew Price and Kreshnic Krasniqi also found the net as Heybridge Swifts won 4-3 on the road at Mildenhall Town. Meanwhile, Brentwood Town thrashed Soham Town Rangers 4-1 – Albert Levett, Connor Martin, Kojo Aparenteng and Alfie Hilton ensuring the home side all three points.

A Simon Thomas brace helped Bowers & Pitsea to a 2-0 win at Witham Town, and there was a 1-0 win for Barking over Dereham Town – Ben O'Brien on target for the east Londoners. Alexander Akrofi's penalty midway through the opening half was enough for Aveley to record a 1-0 success at Maldon & Tiptree.

League leaders, Basildon United, were held to a goalless draw by Bury Town at the Ho Ho Stadium, while the game between Canvey Island and Tilbury ended 1-1 – Martin Tuohy handing the Gulls the lead before Abdus Salami salvaged a point for the Dockers.

In the Essex Senior League Leyton Athletic handed out a 5-0 hammering to Barking, while there were 1-0 away wins for Walthamstow, Hullbridge Sports and West Essex at Ilford, Redbridge and Southend Manor respectively.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Kelvedon Hatch win their Premier Division encounter with Manford Way 5-1.

In Division One, Ongar Town won 7-3 at May & Baker Eastbrook Community, while in Division Three Shoebury Town thrashed Lakeside 6-2.

Shrimpers held at home by struggling Oxford

Southend United 0 Oxford United 0 Sky Bet League One

By Rowland Lyons at Roots Hall

CHRIS Powell's Shrimpers drew a blank last Saturday, but though failing to make it four consecutive wins, they could be satisfied with the point that extended their unbeaten run.

Southend made a bright start with Tom Hopper stinging Jonathan Mitchell's hands after only nine minutes, before the striker was denied by a superb John Mousinho block after being freed by a Simon Cox pass.

Another fine Southend move on the half-hour mark saw Jason Demetriou free Simon Cox, who used the weight of the pass to beat Mitchell, but frustratingly the hitman's drive cannoned off the underside of the bar and a post.

Instead of galvanizing the hosts, Oxford, led by former Southend junior, Ricky Holmes, grew into the contest and on the stroke of half-time Rob Dickie was a whisker away from connecting with the playmaker's cross.

The 6,000-strong crowd then had

to endure a dull second period, with Southend failing to trouble the visitors – with only Dru Yearwood wasting the Shrimpers' best opportunity – scuffing wide with 11 minutes remaining.

Holmes, so influential down the Oxford left flank, created the U's best opportunities, but the final ball was lacking.

The former Southend man should have won this contest for the strugglers, but headed Tony McMahon's late cross wide from close range.

Oxford were then lucky not to be reduced to ten men, when Jamie Mackie escaped with just a yellow card, after appearing to elbow marker, Taylor Moore.

But Southend offered very little and despite the introduction of late subs, Shawn McCoulsky and Theo Robinson, there was no way through a stubborn U's defence.

In worsening conditions, a late Oxford flurry saw John Mousinho meet McMahon's stoppage time free-kick, only for the underworked Mark

Oxley to pull off the save of the match, before doing well to clear the former Bradford man's corner kick.

Powell admitted: "The point on the balance of things is about right, but the game won't live long in the memory and our home form needs to improve."

He added: "Before Wycombe, last weekend, if you had said we would get seven points, from ten, in a week – it would show it has been a big effort from the players. We just have to move on, but it's disappointing not winning on our home patch on the back of two away wins."

He concluded: "We tried our best, but the conditions were not the best – it looks like winter is coming – as well as our game plan going out of the window, with John White going off. We had a big chance from Simon Cox, but Mark Oxley saved well at the end. We have to remain positive."

On-loan defender Taylor Moore said: "A clean sheet and point gets us further up the table. You need to score when you're on top, but if their

chance goes in at the end of the match, then I would have been talking about a completely different result."

Frustrated U's boss, Karl Robinson, having seen his side drop to the bottom of the table, said: "We dominated the latter part of the first-half and we dominated the second period."

"The players wore their hearts on their sleeves and should have got more. We had plenty of chances."

"I don't like it where we are – it doesn't bother me – because our luck won't be the same all season."

Southend travel to Gillingham on Saturday (kick-off 3pm).

Southend United: Oxley, Coker, Turner, Dieng, Hopper (McCoulsky 73), Cox (Robinson 82), Yearwood, Mantom, Moore, Demetriou, White (Kightly 38). Sub not used: Bishop, Bwomono, Klass, Hendrie.

Oxford United: Mitchell, Dickie, Nelson, Brannagan, Holmes, Ruffels, Mousinho, Whyte, Henry, Mackie (Obika 83), McMahon. Subs not used: Shearer, Garbutt, Hanson, Smith, Obika, Long.

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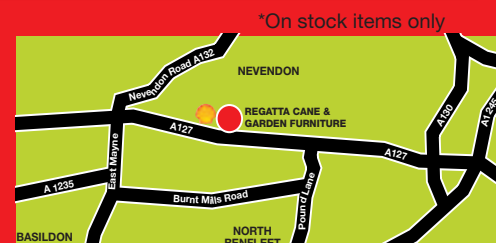
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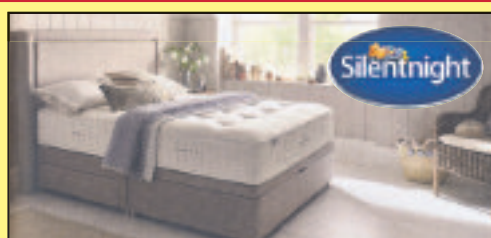
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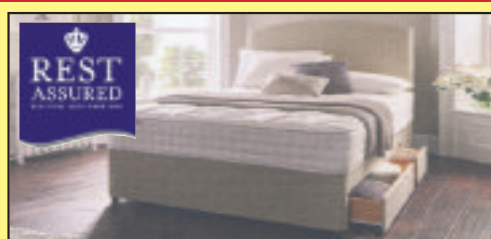
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